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NHS News

Fall 1989 | Northwest Horticultural Society | Ted Marston, Editor

1989 Fall Plant Sale

September 22 and 23
Hours: Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a very much abbreviated list of the different plants and other items we plan to sell.

We have ten new departments this year. You will find things with which to embellish your house, to restore your garden shack, to re-plant your garden and to do your gift shopping-how about giving a friend some bulbs, a plant for the yard or perhaps some dried flowers. Even a bridal shower would be enriched with these home-making gifts.

Bring a friend to the sale. To socialize or quench your thirst, freshly brewed coffee will be available. NHS will deliver large plants for a small fee. We will also take pre-sale orders for your special desires. We aim to please. For more detailed information, call the NHS Office, 527-1794.

Help Wanted. It is fun to sell. Plus, you might discover an unknown plant, learn many new botanical plant names and meet some of the best gardeners in town. Beginners and experts are welcome. Don't say that nobody asked me. We are all volunteers, so come forward and offer your help.

Gifts Wanted. We would appreciate receiving your unwanted garden books, baskets, vases and containers. Judge them as if you would like to buy or receive them yourself-remember, one of the purposes of the sale is to make money. These items must be dropped off at the NHS Office before September 15th.

For plant donations, call the chairman concerned before September 15.

All gifts are tax deductible and IRS forms are available at the NHS Office.

We do not have a huge membership, but we do have hefty commitments. We need your support! Think plant sale and talk plant sale to all of your friends and acquaintances. Remember our motto: "Fall is ***the time*** to plant!"
Agna de Clercq

President's Message

We are all gearing up for the most outstanding and, we hope, profitable plant sale ever. As most of you are aware, fall is the time to plant as it brings the most spectacular results.

Unfortunately, due to the political unrest in China, our September exhibit which was to "unveil" the Seattle Classical Chinese Garden has been postponed. This decision was influenced by the recommendation of the Seattle Chinese Garden Society.

Our speaker on November 7, 1989 at 10:30 a.m. will be Janet Poor, author of the book *Plants That Merit Attention*, a subject dear to our hearts as there are many nurseries who would carry unusual but worthy plants if there was a demand for them. Plants that merit attention are little known with superior characteristics but seldom seen in the general landscape.

Your support is gratefully appreciated,
Nell Scott, President

Noteworthy Plants NHS Lecture, Nov. 7

The final lecture on the NHS lecture schedule at 10:30 a.m. November 7, at CUH will feature "Plants that Merit Attention" by noted landscape architect, Janet Meakin Poore, Winnetka, IL. The editor of the much praised first volume (Trees) of a series by that name, she is also Chairman of the Board of the Chicago Botanic Garden. She is also Vice President of the Garden Club of America and is actively engaged in many other horticultural boards and advisory panels as well as practicing landscape design.

The lecture will highlight some of the many less known species and cultivars of plants which have such good characteristics that they should be more widely planted. By focussing attention on them, nurseries will be encouraged to propagate and disseminate them more widely.

A social hour, including coffee, will start at 10 a.m.

Fall Plant Sale Sept. 22 and 23 Expands Greatly

Additions have been made not only in the variety and quantity of plants but several new departments have been added to the annual Northwest Horticultural Society Plant Sale, September 22 and 23.

The sale hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. It will be held at the Center for Urban Horticulture simultaneously with the Center's annual Open House.

The sale will be dedicated to the memory of Jean Wilcox, so long a stalwart of the sale and a former long-term general chairman.

Although well-organized under the General Chairman Agna de Clercq, additional volunteers are always needed. Call the office, at 527-1974 to volunteer your services.

The hard-working committee chairmen are:
Ferns: Sue Olsen
Ground Covers: Emily Moore
House Plants: Wanda Morken
Potpourri: Sylvia Duryee
Rhododendrons: Renee Hill
Collectors Corner: Sallie Allen
Trees and Shrubs: Michael Lynn
Books, etc.: Mike Hayes
Children's Corner: Eve Mauger
Dried Flowers: Antje Kretschmer
Garden Tools: Lynn Sonneman
Herbs: Phoebe Andrew
Cashiering: Shirley Gorman
General Research: Elizabeth Fisken, Nancy Peterson, Dorothy Hussey
Set-Up: Phil Simpson

Seattle's Chinese Garden - An Update

The first sketches of the Seattle Chinese Garden have been received. They depict a 6-acre complex of walled courtyards, pavilions, streams, waterfalls, ponds, bridges, rock grottoes and plantings. The garden, which will be located in the South Seattle Community College Arboretum, will include a striking three-story pagoda overlooking a small lake, with views to downtown Seattle in the background.

The sketches were produced in China following a visit to Seattle last May by the five member design delegation from the Chongqing Garden Bureau. A return visit by the design delegation, originally scheduled for September, has been postponed because of the recent unrest in China. The planned visit will be re-scheduled for 1990. Completed preliminary design drawings and a model of the garden are still scheduled to reach Seattle by late October or early November.

During the rest of 1989, concentration be directed to preparing information packets and a videotape on the Chinese Garden, suitable for group presentations as well as identifying sources of plants, and organization of a fundraising drive. The Chinese Garden Society will also develop a membership drive. The Northwest Horticultural Society is serving as an agent in the development of the Seattle Chinese Garden.

The cloud pogada moon pavilion and the climbing covered walkway, Chinese Garden

Noted Floral Designer To Appear Oct. 26

Ron Morgan, Piedmont, CA, will give two floral design presentations on Thursday, October 26, at the Museum of History and Industry, one at 10:15 a.m. and the other at 7:30 p.m.

Morgan is particularly noted for innovative techniques especially with native plants and unusual containers. The presentations have been arranged by the Seattle Garden Club.

For reservations, send $20 to Jill Watkins, The Highlands, Seattle, WA 98177 specifying which presentation.

NHS Miller Scholarship Winners Are Named

The winners of the Northwest Horticultural Society 1989 Annual Elisabeth Carey Miller Scholarships were presented grants of $1,000 each.

The recipients are Sue Ann Funk and Fayla Schwartz, both graduate students at the University of Washington.

Funk is a master's candidate at the Center for Urban Horticulture. Her specialty is promotion and advancement of environmental horticulture education.

Swartz is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Botany. She is researching the evolution of plants native to western North America whose native habitats have, in some cases, been disrupted by increased land development.

Propagation Workshop October 10

Members are invited to attend a propagation workshop on Tuesday, October 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Instructor is Sylvia Duryee. Because space is limited, call the Northwest Horticultural Society Office (527--1794) to reserve. There is no charge.

Kruckeberg Receives Grant Study

Dr. Arthur Kruckeberg, Professor of Botany, University of Washington, received a grant of $1,500 to aid in his study of Japanese botany and horticulture during a trip this summer.

In addition to studying native flora in its habitat, Kruckeberg visited botanical gardens, nurseries and other horticultural centers to find interesting new plants.

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NEW DEPARTMENTS:

Art for the Garden-
Gardens of Art- George Drake, Bellingham
From urns to outstanding garden sculptures by well-known artists worldwide. NW artist: Jeff Day, Don Eckland, Jonn Geise, and Ronald Klein

Books-
Mike Hayes.
New and used garden books for the beginner and the collector. Lovely gifts.

Bulbs-
Van Lierop Bulb Farm

Allium giganteum-purple, blooming May-June, 36" tall.

Amaryllis belladona-"Naked Lady".

Zantedeschia aithiopica **(calla lily)**-white.

Colchicum-Waterlily, double purple.

Dutch iris-assorted varieties and colors (deep and light blue, purple, yellow and white), May-June.

Paper whites-Narcissi/galilea, indoor forcing, white and yellow.

Peony-red, pink and white.

Scilla siberica-very hardy, purple, blooms March-April, 5".

Bulb Booster-4# container buckets.

Children's Corner-
Eve Mauger

Small Cacti
Silver Dollars

Lithops (plant that looks like pebbles)

Miniature Sedums

"A Child's Garden"-Seeds

Small garden tools-great gifts

Small plants in little pots: Baby tears, Nandina, Kalanchoe

Dahlias-
Phil Traff

Jean Enerson-a bright rose pink waterlily-type dahlia with 5" blossoms held on 7' bushes. Excellent for cutting and garden decoration.

Stellyvonne-a 1989 creamy yellow introduction with laciniated petal tips. 9" blossoms are on 5' bushes.

Fidalgo Julie-this novelty dahlia is orange with a darker reverse, ideal cut flowers are on 6' bushes.

Bloom's Graham-another 1989 introduction with 5" rosy purple flowers on a 3' bush, ideal for all purposes.

Valeria-a pink waterlily-type dahlia that grows 4' tall and has 5" blooms. This one is also ideal for cutting.

Dried Flowers-
Antje Kretschmer

Dried flower wreaths
Dried herbs
Lavender
Potpourries

Sachets
Seeded poppy
Statice

Fruit Trees-
Raintree Nursery. Provider of hundreds of specialty fruit trees and berries for the N. W. Bamboos, too in great variety.

Bay laurels
Figs

Castanopsis **chysophylla Golden** chinkapin-beautiful evergreen native nut tree.

Gooseberries
Kiwis
Passiflora caerulea

Potted fruit trees-dwarf and mini-dwarf

Garden arches

Garden Tools-
Lynn Sonneman

Tools that Work-Fine quality tools for the serious gardener selected by a landscaper: debris tarps, pruners, loppers, shears, saws, hand tools, rakes, bulb planters, plant markers, wall of water for early planting, garden gloves and gift sets.

Herbs-
Phoebe Andrew

Special selection of choice herbs.

Organic Fertilizers-
Terri Worcester

Wormco

Cottonseed meal

Meat/Bonemeal

Fish Meal

Soft rock phosphate

Ground limestone

Quick Release (QR)-New to the U. S. This imported British organic herbal compost maker has been used for many years at famous European Gardens.

Perennials-
Sarah Navarre

Aster varieties

Campanula cochleariifolia

Chrysanthemum varieties

Cimicifuga ramosa-tall upright, white flowers on long racemes, partial shade.

Delphinium varieties
Epimedium
Hosta varieties

Japanese anemones-Blooms September-November, pink & white, up to 6'.

Fuchsias-hardy varieties

Ligularia-long yellow racemes

Lobelia cardinalis-dark red leaves, red flowers.

Physostegia virginiana-obedient plant, purple-white flowers, up to 4'.

Schyzostylis-scarlet to pink flowers, iris family.

Primroses-
Cyrus Happy

Traditional Departments:

Bonsai:
Vernette Cunningham

Indoor plants for winter bonsai include: *Serissa foetida* (white and pink), olive, natal plum, *Sageretia theezans* and gardenia. Outdoor choices are hard-to-find Japanese larches, red Hornbeam, *Acer palmatum* and others.

Collector's Corner-
Sallie Allen

Alpines-rare natives

Conifers-dwarf, specimen size

Daphne collection-small evergreen shrubs, flowers usually intensely fragrant.

Kalmia collection-dwarf, ericaceae.

Linnaea borealis **"Tiffany'** named var. twinflowers.

Primula-species collection.

Salix-rare dwarf collection (willow).

Saxifraga collection

Tofieldia coccinea-4" purplish flowers, rock garden.

T. glutinosa-whitish flower, belongs to Liliaceae

Ferns-Sue Olsen

Asplenium varians-4" evergreen, rare Chinese species.

Athyrium otophorum-handsome wine-red semi-evergreen. Very hardy accent plant.

Ceterach officinarum-evergreen, lime-loving choice rock garden specimen.

Gymnaocarpum dryopteris plumosum-selective variety native oak fern, soft green deciduous, slowly spreading.

Lygodium japonicum-Japanese climbing fern, easy fast climb.

Pellaea atropurpurea-bluish foliage, East coast native for rocky crevices.

Polypodium scouleri-shiny leaved, slowly spreading evergreen, N. W. native.

Ground Covers-
Emily Moore

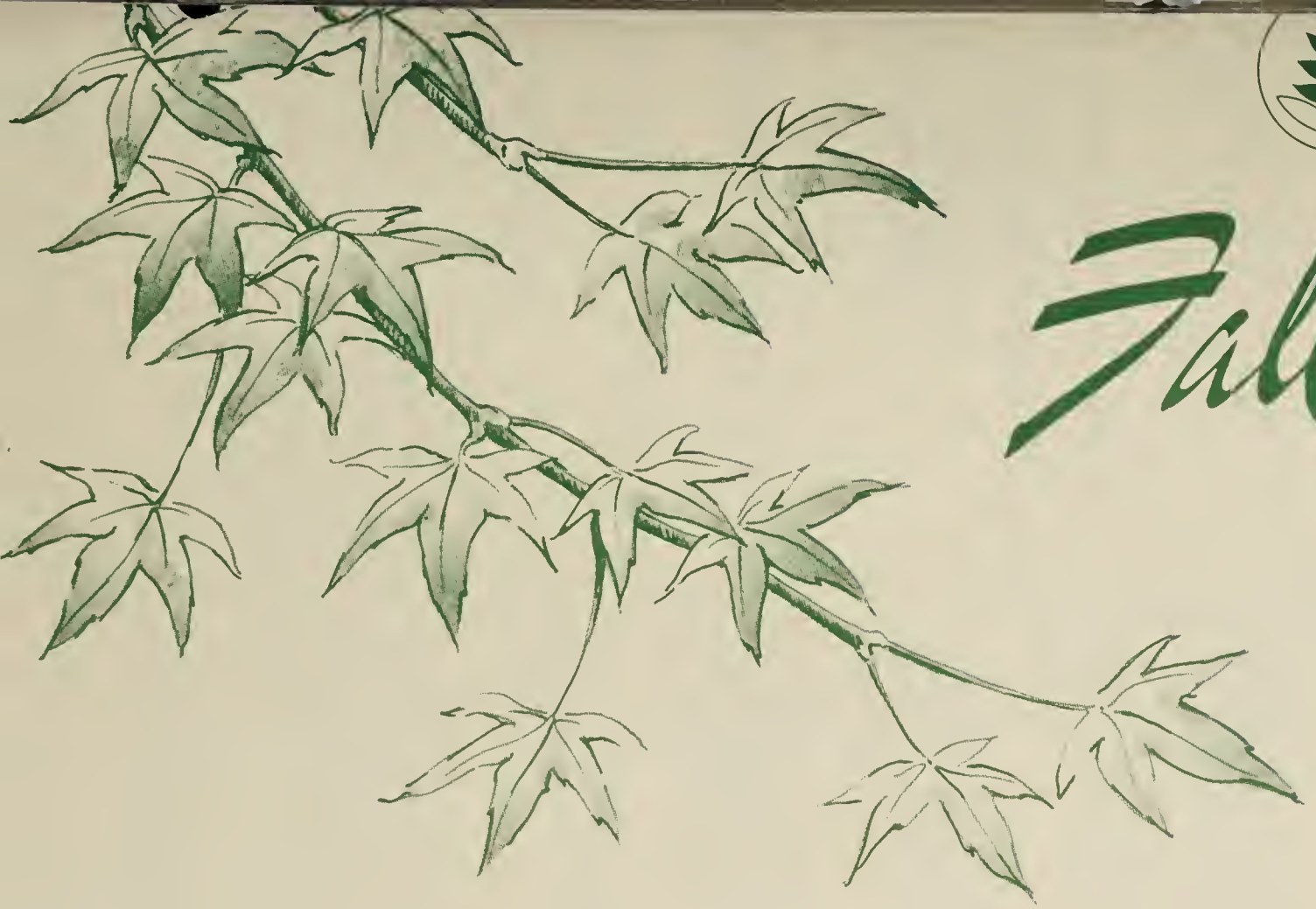
Arenaria montana-sandwort, perennials, grey-green with white flowers.

Asarum candatum-wild ginger

Campanula portenschlagiana-partly evergreen, blue bell.

Cornus canadensis-choice ground dogwood flower.

Epimedium-deciduous, half shade. Foliage often remains all winter, attractive leaves and flowers.



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Heather varieties

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Vancouveria hexandra-deciduous, native from Washington to California.

Vaccinium vitis idaea minus-dwarf form, evergreen, flowers pink to red, red fruit. Lingonberry.

Houseplants-

Carol Henderson

Caladium

Dipladenia

Gloxinia

Hibiscus

Kalanchoe

Stephanotis

Violet

Potpourri-Jocey Horder & Sylvia Duryee

Clematis Tangutica-bright yellow flowers.

Geranium lLancstrense
Saxifraga crenifolia

Eosa yakusimanum

Orinus alpinus-tufted alpine flower pink to violet.

Penstemon hirsutus pygmaeus-purplish flowers.

Rhododendrons-

Renee Hill

The Rhododendron Department has gathered representative selections of the best of new and old hybrids to fit any garden/ landscape need from large specimen plants at maturity to the new dwarf, less rampant growers for modern landscape and rockeries and intimate gardens. We will have **Centennial**, a deciduous Azalea, and **Centennial Celebration**, a beautiful new rhododendron. Both plants chosen from among many new varieties as the best to honor our own Centennial.

Rhododendron Species Foundation-

Suzanne Hattery

Species dwarf forms-suitable for Bonsai, Rock Gardens and foundation plantings.

R. fastigiatum-A tight growing dwarf up to 3', from S. W. China. Purple flowers appear in April to May. Hardy to -15 degrees F.

R. hypenanthum-Up to 3' in ten years, with cream to yellow flowers in April-May. From the N. W. Himalayas.

R. kiusianum-Low growing evergreen azalea from Japan. Flowers range from white to pink to dark pink. Blooms in May-June.

R. lysolepis-Compact to 4' in ten years, from the mountains of Central S. W. China. Pinkish-purple flowers April-May.

Species shrubs-suitable for home gardens as foundation plantings or as understory plants.

R. augustinii-Tall columnar growth to 15'. From S. W. China and Southern Tibet. Flowers in April-May in shades of blue to lavender-blue.

R. bureavii-An exceptional foliage plant with soft felt-like hairs on the undersides of the leaves. Flowers are white to light pink in May. From S. W. China.

R. balfourianum-Large shrub to 8'. Flowers pale rose-white in March-April. From S. W. China.

R. macabeanum-One of the "Big Leaf" rhododendrons, eventually forms a small tree. Hardy only in the warmer areas of Seattle. Outstanding bluish green leaves to 1'. Flowers are a deep yellow and appear in March.

R. yakushimanum-One of the finest rhododendrons, exceptional in plant habit, leaves and flowers. A slow growing dome shaped mound from a single island off southern Japan. Flowers April-May are a clear apple blossom pink. Leaves are coated below with soft felt-like hairs.

Trees and Shrubs-

Michael Lynn

Abeliophyllum distichum-Small shrub of low growth. Fragrant white, pink-tinged flowers in February.

Acer pseudoplatanus var. spatahii-2/3 height of regular maple, large purple green foliage, purple under color, attractive yellow pink seed pods. This picturesque tree is good for exposed situations.

Arbutus unedo rubrum-Highly prized as small evergreen tree. A choice form with pink flushed flowers and abundant fruit in late autumn.

Betula nana-"Dwarf Birch"

Callicarpa giraldiana-Medium to large shrub. Flowers lilac in late summer and masses of dark lilac fruit.

C. japonic leucocarpa-small shrub, pale pink flowers, white fruit.

Camellia sasanqua-Attractive winter and early spring flowering species.

Ceanothus-"California lilac"

Cornus kousa-(Dogwood) A small deciduous tree from Japan and Korea. Creamy white bracts bloom in June or late May, after our native dogwood, bright red fruits standing upright followed by beautiful fall color.

C. nattalli-"Eddie's White Wonder" Interesting cross between eastern and western dogwoods. Superb hardy large shrub or small tree, large white flowers in spring.

Corokia cotoneaster-Zigzagging branches to 3' spread, dark grey bark bives silver glow, yellow starry flowers followed by red berries.

Cortaderis selloana gold band-Varigated plampas grass with striking gold striped leaves with green margins. Outstanding

large silvery flower plumes-excellent companion to bamboo.

Corylopsis pauciflora-densely branched shrub, slender stems, leaves pink when young. Flowers primrose yellow and cowslip scented, opening in March.

C. spicata-Lovely woodland deciduous shrub with yellow fragrant flowers blooming before the leaves appear early in the spring.

Daphne laureola-useful small shade-bearing native. Flowers fragrant, yellow-green in February.

Decaisnea fargesii-Tall deciduous shrub with large plinnate leaves at the top (palm-like growing habit). Flowers not showy but noted for its beautiful metallic blue pods.

Enkianthus campanulatus "Hollandia"-Red flowers, scarlet foliage in fall.

Euptelia polyandra-Asiatic tree with lovely dainty foliage becoming red and yellow in the fall, grows best in well-drained soil and a rather moist location. An excellent specimen tree.

Fothergilla-Small shrub with white bottle brush like flower spikes in spring and rich autumn color.

Fraxinum ornus-Deciduous flowering ash with clusters of showy creamy white fragrant flowers.

Fremontodendron (Fremontia) californicum-A large semi evergreen shrub with unusual three-lobed leaves and large yellow flowers borne freely throughout summer. Likes a south facing wall.

Hovenia delcis-Japanese raisin tree (large shrub or small tree) grown for its handsome polished foliage.

Hydrangea petiolaris (anomala)-Cllimbing hyrangea, strong growing, self-clinging. Flowers 15-25cm across in June, greenish white with white sterile florets.

Itea-unusual summer blooming shrubs thriving in half shade.

Lithocarpus densiflorus var. echinoides-Evergreen oak-like shrub, lovely grey-green leaves with the new foliage a beautiful pink shade. Tanbark Oak.

Liquidambar styraciflua aurea-Pyramidal compact habit to 25' autumn yellow/orange/crimson to purple. Corky bark of older twigs a winter feature.

L. styraciflua "kia"-"Sweet Gum" Upright pyramidal with deeply lobed leaves, autumn foliage rich orange to crimson to purple. Outstanding cultivar.

Magnolia Wilsonii-Deciduous tree from China with pendent white fragrant flowers with many red stamens.

Nyssa sylvatica-(Sourwood) A dense headed tree with handsome foliage turning rich scarlet/orange & yellow in autumn.

Picea Wilconii-Beautiful blue-grey evergreen tree, densely branched. Not damaged by insects.

Rubus calycinoides-Creeping alpine evergreen.

Salix magnifica-Small deciduous tree from China with large leaves and 9" catkins. A real conversation piecse.

S. Yezoalpina-Rare alpine species, trailing stems, glossy green leaves, catkins appearing in Spring.

Sorbus pratti-A handsome small tree from WEstern China with small pinnate leaves white flowers followed by pure white fruit in clusters. Leaves have lovely fall color.

Symphoricarpos-(Snowberry bush) Abundant display of white or rose colered berries appearing in autumn lasting into winter.

Umbellularia californica-Large evergreen shrub or tree with fragrant foliage.
The wood is valued for fine woodworking. Common names are California Laurel, California Bay, Olive Myrtle.

Viburnum-Many species.

Wisteria sinensis-Nobel climber, fragrant mauve or deep lilac flowers in May.

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Members Mourn Jean Wilcox

Members NHS are saddened by the death of Jean Wilcox, a long-time leader of the Northwest Horticultural Society.

Her friends recognized her as a major force in the development of the goals of NHS from its early beginnings. She worked in every capacity of the Society, including serving as its president. For many years she was General Chairman of the Fall Plant Sale.

Those who worked with her praised her for her ability to motivate others to achieve, and her support for every worthwhile horticultural goal.

Miller Library News

Construction has begun on the new addition to the library, which should be completed sometime next winter. Library hours may be affected by the construction. Please call CUH to check on hours before you plan to visit.

The library has been searching for several books which are out of print. If you happen to have a copy of one of the following, and wish to donate it to the library, please call Laura Lipton or Valerie Esaton at 543-8616:

Anderson, Viola.
Flowers and Their Ancestors. Los Angeles
Bryan, John.
Drought Gardener. Chronicle, 1977.
Erdberg, Eleanor von.
Chinese Influence on European Garden Structure.
New York, Hacker Art Books, 1985.
Rickett, Thomas.
Wildflowers of the U.S., INDEX VOLUME.
McGraw-Hill, 1969.
Ridley,
Dispersal of Plants Throughout the World.
Reeve, 1930.

The library also has a need for some specialized volunteers: an experienced bookbinder and book restorer; an experienced cataloger who has experience with an IBM-PC and OCLC and AACR2 plus the LC cataloging schedules; and a computer specialist experienced with DOS who enjoys troubleshooting and repairing computer hardware and software. Anyone with the above skills and willing to commit 4 hours a week to the library should call.

Speakers Announced In Lecture Series

The speakers for the 1990 NHS Lecture Series have been named, according to Mayde Anderson, Chair of the Series.

The first speaker is Atsushi Kuyama from Japan. He is floriculturist for Hyogo Prefectural Farm and designer of the Awaji Farm Park Rock Garden. Trained at Kew in England, he has conducted plant explorations in 35 countries and has written for many gardening publications. His topic will be "The Wildflowers of Japan". This lecture will be on February 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Robert Heapes, Denver, CO, will speak at 7:30 p.m. on April 6 and the topic is "Following the Trail of Lewis and Clark". An accomplished photographer, Heapes will cover the horticultural wonders to be found along the path of the Lewis and Clark explorations. His work has been published in many publications including *Flower & Garden, Pacific Horticulture* and *Horticulture*.

Muriel Fisher of New Zealand will lecture on "New Zealand Ferns and Other Plants for Your Garden" on Thursday evening, May 31 as part of the NHS Fern Festival. She has written several books, including *Gardening with New Zealand Plants, Shrubs and Trees* and *New Zealand Ferns for Your Garden*.

The Fern Festival will also include a garden tour to the Jocelyn Horder garden, Poulsbo, from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, June 1, followed by a plant sale from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Center for Urban Horticulture. The sale will continue from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 2.

Final lecture on the 1990 program in October will be by Frank Dorsey, Vancouver, BC. He will speak on "Rhododendrons for the Small Garden". Former president of the American Rhododendron Society, he's a noted rhododendron judge and winner of many awards.

Horticultural Tidbits Terrarium Tips

A terrarium can be made with almost any kind of container with a narrow top to retain humidity including candy jars, and old fish tanks.

Layer the terrarium first with spaghnum moss, a layer of builders' sand (not sea sand) or gravel, then 1 to 1 1/2 inches of commercial potting soil. This should fill the container to approximately 1/4 its height.

Set the plants in place, adding a small amount of potting soil around each, then water sparingly by spoonfuls.

Cover the terrarium with plastic or a sheet of glass but don't keep it airtight. Watch for the first few days while the plants are settling in to determine how much or how little humidity they should have. A rain forest atmosphere, up to but not including the growth of mold, is ideal.

Plants thriving in low light can tolerate conditions in an average room. For better growth, locate near a window but out of direct sunlight. Direct sunllight can soon cook a planting.

Pinch back plants when they become rangy. Cut off spent flowers and dead leaves. Once planted, a terrarium seldom needs watering.

Suitable candidates for terrariums might be peperomiass, fittonias (especially the miniature one), small ferns, mosses, humid loving terrestrial orchids. Episcias are especially suitable including special varieties such as 'Cleopatra'. Small rhizomatous begonias with distinctive foliage such as "Butterschotch" will also benefit from being grown in a terrarium.

Epsom Salts

Epsom salts, which is really magnesium sulfate, has many uses in the garden. Applied at the rate of about 2 ounces per rose bush (sprinkle around the roots' perimeter and water thoroughly) it will promote basal breaks in roses and encourage production of green, healthy leaves. It's most effective when an alkaline condition exists in the soil, but it does no harm when an acid condition prevails..

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Horticultural Tidbits

Herb Vinegars

Herb vinegars are easy to make with white or cider vinegar and fresh-picked herbs from your garden.

Choose thyme, basil, marjoram, tarragon, rosemary or fennel, for example, or perhaps mint, chervil or dill. In a clean jar or bottle put about a cut of the fresh herb, coarsely chopped, and 2 or 3 cups of vinegar. Cap the jar and set on a sunny windowsill for about 2 weeks to let flavors mellow.

Then strain the vinegar into a clean decorative jar and insert a fresh herb stalk for easy identification and an attractive appearance. These vinegars make great welcome gifts.

Organic Gardening

NHS welcomes Memorial Contributions and Special Gifts.

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